



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is committed to ensuring that all students learn to read proficiently and independently, thereby providing them with the skills needed to succeed in the classroom and the workforce of the future; and
- WHEREAS: Student reading and literacy abilities can be strengthened through consistent parental involvement in activities such as reading stories aloud to young children every day. Also, volunteering with a servant's heart in programs that build and strengthen student reading can have a significant and lasting impact on Georgia's families and communities; and
- WHEREAS: Introducing a student to a storybook, a newspaper, or other appropriate reading material provides an invaluable opportunity to help expand his or her mind, enriching our state one young person at a time; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of March, schools around the state will participate in the Read Across Georgia initiative. Georgia citizens are encouraged to participate in initiatives throughout the month to promote literacy in the classroom; and
- WHEREAS: Students with strong reading and literary comprehension skills acquire academic foundations that prove beneficial long after graduation from high school. Therefore, it is imperative that we increase the percentage of children reading proficiently and independently at grade-level; and
- WHEREAS: Children are Georgia's most precious resource. It is a priority that we invest in our students today, thereby securing their futures and preparing the next leaders of our state; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as READ ACROSS GEORGIA MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF